

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006. Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 1-7 are rejected. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended. Support for these amendments are found generally throughout the specification and specifically at page 3, lines 13-15. Claims 2 and 5 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 remain pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

The Examiner states,

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kao (US 2004/0033727).

Re claim 1: Kao discloses plug used for connection with a USB receptacle, which includes an electrical signal set definition (paragraphs 0076-0079); a mechanical and electrical definition for a memory card (paragraphs 0052-0056); an associated memory card signal and mechanical specification for a memory card (paragraphs 0056-0063); and a mechanical definition for cables compatible with an interface socket (paragraphs 0059—0062, 0077-0078).

Re claims 2 and 5: Kao teaches an apparatus, wherein the electrical signal set definition comprises eight DPUSB signals, one reserved signal, a write protect signal and a card detect signal (paragraphs 0067-0068).

Re claims 3 and 6: Kao discloses an apparatus, wherein pin assignments are mapped to digital pins using DPUSB signals (paragraphs 0042+, 0053-0055, 0063-0068).

Re claim 4: Kao teaches an apparatus, a signal set that defines a peripheral port a host port a write-protect signal; and a form factor (not specified in the claimed invention) that is equivalent to a secure digital card (paragraphs 0065-0069).

Re claim 7: Kao discloses an apparatus, wherein the socket can be interfaced to both a USB host and a USB peripheral device (paragraphs 0063+, 0071-0077).

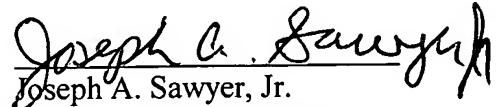
Applicant has amended claim 1 and 4 to include the claim limitations of claims 2 and 5 respectively and include a recitation that the dual port USB signals include peripheral differential data lines and **host** differential data lines. The reference neither teaches or discloses these features in combination with the remaining elements.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 are allowable over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and objections to the claims, as now presented.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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